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The SPECTATOR.

Mæonides Quintus Pavone ex Pythagoreo. Perſius.

Monday, May 12. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

I Have not obſerved that the Officer you ſome time ago appointed as Inſpector of Signs, has done his Duty ſo well as to give you an Account of very many ſtrange Occurrences in the publick Streets, which are worthy but have eſcaped your Notice. Among all Oddneſſes which I have ever met with, that which I am now telling you of gave me moſt Delight. You muſt have obſerved that all the Criers in the Street attract the Attention of the Passengers, and of the Inhabitants in the ſeveral Parts, by ſomething very particular in their Tone it conſiſts, in the dwelling upon a Note, or elſe making themſelves wholly unintelligible by a Scream. The Perſon I am ſo delighted with has nothing to ſell, but very gravely receives the Bounty of the People, for no other Merit but the Homage they pay to his Manner of ſignifying to them that he wants a Subſidy. You muſt, ſure, have heard ſpeak of an old Man who walks about the City, and that Part of the Suburbs which lies beyond the *Tower*, performing the Office of a *Day-Watchman*, followed by a Gooſe which bears the Bob of his Ditty, and confirms what he ſays with a Quack, Quack. I gave little Heed to the Mention of this known Circumſtance, till, being the other Day in thoſe Quarters, I paſſed by a decrepid old Fellow with a Pole in his Hand, who juſt then was bawling out, Half an Hour after one a Clock, and immediately a dirty Gooſe behind him made her Reſponſe Quack, Quack. I could not forbear attending this grave Proceſſion for the Length of half a Street, with no ſmall Amazement to find the whole Place ſo familiarly acquainted with a melancholy Mid-night Voice at Noon day, giving them the Hour, and exhorting them of the Departure of Time, with a Bounce at their Doors. While I was full of this Novelty, I went into a Friend's Houſe, and told him how I was diverted with their whimſical Monitor and his Equipage. My Friend gave me the Hiſtory; and interrupted my Commendation of the Man, by telling me the Livelihood of theſe two Animals is purchaſed rather by the good Parts of the Gooſe than of her Leader: For it ſeems the Peripatetick who walked before her was a Watchman in that Neighbourhood; and the Gooſe of herſelf by frequent hearing his Tone, out of her natural Vigilance, not only obſerved but anſwered it very regularly from Time to Time. The Watchman was ſo affected with it, that he bought her, and has taken her in Partner, only altering their Hours of Duty from Night to Day. The Town has come into it, and they live very comfortably. This is the Matter of Fact: Now I deſire you, who are a profound Philoſopher, to conſider this Alliance of Inſtinct and Reaſon; your Speculation may turn very naturally upon the Force the ſuperiour Part of Mankind may have upon the Spirits of ſuch as, like this Watchman, may be very near the Standard of Geeſe. And you may add to this practical Obſervations, how in all Ages and Times the World has been carried away by odd unaccountable things, which one would think would paſs upon no Creature which had Reaſon; and under the Symbol of this Gooſe, you may enter into the Manner and Method of leading Creatures, with their Eyes open, through thick and thin, for they know not what they know not why.

All which is humbly ſubmitted to your ſpectatorial Wiſdom, by,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Micha l Gander.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

I Have for ſeveral Years had under my Care the Government and Education of young Ladies, which Truſt I have endeavoured to diſcharge with due regard to their ſeveral Capacities and Fortunes: I have left nothing undone to imprint in every one of them an humble courteous Mind, accompanied with a graceful becoming Mein, and have made them pretty much acquainted with the Houſhold part of Family Affairs; but ſtill I find there is ſomething very wanting in the Air of my Ladies, different from what I obſerve in thoſe

'thoſe that are eſteemed your fine bred Women.
'Now, Sir, I muſt own to you, I never ſuffered my
'Girls to learn to Dance; but ſince I have read
'your Diſcourſe of Dancing, where you have de-
'ſcribed the Beauty and Spirit there is in regular
'Motion, I own my ſelf your Convert, and re-
'ſolve for the future to give my young Ladies that
'Accompliſhment. But upon imparting my De-
'ſign to their Parents, I have been made very un-
'eaſy for ſome Time, becauſe ſeveral of them have
'declared, that if I did not make uſe of the
'Maſter they recommended, they would take
'away their Childern. There was Collonel *Jum-*
'*per's* Lady, a Collonel of the Train-Bands, that
'has a great Intereſt in her Pariſh; ſhe recommends
'Mr. *Trott* for the prettieſt Maſter in Town, that
'no Man teaches a Jigg like him, that ſhe has ſeen
'him riſe ſix or ſeven Capers together with the
'greateſt Eaſe imaginable, and that his Scholars
'twiſt themſelves more ways than the Scholars of
'any Maſter in Town; beſides, there is Madam
'*Prim* an Alderman's Lady, recommends a Maſter
'of her own Name, but ſhe declares he is not of
'their Family, yet a very extraordinary Man in
'his way; for beſides a very ſoft Air he has in
'Dancing, he gives them a particular Behaviour
'at a Tea-Table, and in preſenting their Snuff-
'Box, to Twerl, Slip, or Flirt a Fan, and how to
'place Patches to the beſt Advantage, either for
'Fat or Lean, Long or Oval Faces; for my Lady
'ſays, there is more in theſe Things than the
'World Imagines: But I muſt confeſs the Major
'part of thoſe I am concerned with leave it to
'me. I deſire therefore according to the incloſed
'Direction, you would ſend your Correſpondent
'who has writ to you on that ſubject to my Houſe.
'If proper Application this way can give Innocence
'new Charms, and make Virtue legible in the Coun-
'tenance, I ſhall ſpare no charge to make my
'Scholars in their very Features and Limbs bear
'witneſs how careful I have been in the other
'Parts of their Education.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,
Rachel Watchfull.

For the Benefit of Mrs. BRADSHAW.
At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.
By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday being the 12th of May, will be reviv'd, The Hiſtory and Fall of Caius Marius. Written by Shakeſpear, and alter'd by the late Mr. Otway. The Part of old Marius by Mr. Powell, young Marius Mr. Booth, and Lavinia Mrs. Bradſhaw. By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behe Scenes. And to Morrovv being Tueſday, vvill be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Old Batchelor: With the Farce of the Stage-Coach. For the Benefit of Mr. Bullock.

This Play is ſold by Jacob Tonſon at Shakeſpear's-Head, over againſt Katherine-ſtreet in the Strand.

☞ At Stationer's-Hall near Ludgate, on Wedneſday the 14th Inſtant, will be performed all the Muſick, both Vocal and Inſtrumental in the Opera of Dioclesian, with ſeveral Additions. Compoſed by the immortal Henry Purcell; which, for the Beauty of Expreſſion, Excellency of Harmony, and Grandeur of Contrivance, gives a firſt Place to no Muſical Opera in Europe. And the famous Mr. Morphy vvill perform ſeveral Entertainments on the Iriſh Harp. For the Benefit of Mr. Smith and Mr. Cuthbert. Beginniug exactly at 6 a Clock. Tickets are delivered at Garraway's and Will's Coffee-houſes in Cornhill; Sam's in Ludgate-ſtreet; St. James's and Smyrna at St. James's; the Britiſh and Young-Man's at Charing-Croſs; at the Tilt-Yard at Whitehall; at Tom's and Will's in Covent-Garden, and at the Hall, at 5 s. each. N. B. The Tickets delivered for the 9th of April will be taken this Day.

If the Gentleman that ſent a Letter to Alderſgate-
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was directed to, 'twill be taken very kindly.

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ready paid, as by the Articles, but alſo other Subſcribers will fall ſh
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be had Gratis at the Place aforeſaid) yet they go on very ſucceſsfu
ſo that there are great Subſcriptions, and by the People of the
Rank, as may be ſeen by the ſaid Books.

Followed a Gentleman from Mitcham the 2
of April laſt, and loſt that Evening about Walworke, a little
Spaniel Dog of that kind call'd King Charles's breed, has a li
white in the Face and a white Patch on the Breaſt like a Cr
Whoever brings it to Mr. Thomas Jackſon's, a Barber, in Carn
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